

**Permit Guidance
For
WSDOT And WSF Painting Projects
NPDES Permit No. WA-0039039
And
General HPA No. GH-D9448-01**

1. **The NPDES permit authorizes** discharge of pressure wash water that result from prep-washing for the purpose of painting bridge and ferry terminal structures as described under Section S1 (D and C) of the permit. This activity is also covered by General HPA (GH-D9448-01) Appendix C (Bridge Painting) and G (Ferry Terminal Painting) that is effective from July 16, 2003 through July 15, 2008. Terms and conditions between permits are consistent.
2. **The NPDES permit is effective from April 3, 2004 through April 3, 2009.**
3. **The GHPA is effective from July 16, 2003 through July 15, 2008.**
4. **Annual Proposed Project List Report** – Each year the WSDOT ESO Permit Program Manager (Gregor Myhr) will submit the list of bridges and ferry transfer spans expected to be pressure washed and painted for that year. The report shall be submitted at least 90 days prior to the start of the activity (NPDES permit section S (B)). WSDOT expects to provide this report to Ecology by the end of January of every calendar year.
5. **Project Pre-notification** – The Project Engineer shall notify the Ecology Regional Office Water Quality Program by letter or fax at least 3 working days prior to conducting the work. Ecology regional staff prefer to be notified by email (See below for email addresses for appropriate Ecology regional contacts). Required information includes agency name, contact person, and telephone number, type of activity, water body name, bridge location, number and milepost, and the start and end date. Latitude and longitude coordinates are also required and can be obtained by using the Environmental Information Management system at the following website:
<http://apps.ecy.wa.gov/eimreporting/GISViewer/viewer.htm>. The WSDOT environmental workbench may also be used. The Project Engineer shall also notify WDFW Regional Habitat Manager at least 3 working days prior to conducting the work as required in Appendix B of the General HPA.
6. **Monitoring** – WSDOT shall sample one representative project per year by collecting a composite sample of effluent (NPDES section S2 (A)). WSDOT ESO will manage this task in coordination with the Bridge Office and Region Project Office.
7. **Project Conditions** –
 - a. Section S1 C of the permit identifies the conditions that are applicable to bridge painting projects. Important limitations include the following:
 - i. WSDOT is allowed to discharge filtered waste water resulting from pressure washing to rivers with flows between 55 cfs (89 cfs Western Washington) and 4200 cfs (7900 cfs in Western Washington) only if WSDOT conducts a waste specific translator study (NPDES section S 6). WSDOT ESO will manage this task in coordination with the Bridge Office. This evaluation will also determine the number of pressure washers allowed to operate for the project.
 - ii. WSDOT ESO will also coordinate with the Bridge Office to analyze future bridge painting projects to determine whether filter fabric water treatment will be acceptable or not.

- b. Section S1 D of the permit identifies the conditions that are applicable to ferry terminal painting projects.
8. **Post Project Reporting** – The WSDOT ESO will contact Regional Project Office's and WSF in December of each calendar year to receive and compile project reporting information for that year.
9. **Annual Project Completion Reporting** – WSDOT Environmental Services Office shall submit to Ecology SEA Program by January 31st an annual report of bridge and ferry terminal painting activities. The same information will be forwarded to WDFW per reporting requirements of the GHPA above. Required information includes region name, water body name, bridge name, road number and milepost, date of work, problems encountered and recommendations for improvement. WSDOT and WSF project offices are not required to report lat and long information (ESO staff will convert using GIS tools).

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